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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the disclosures listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of the cited foreign art are enclosed. These disclosures are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date or prior to the receipt of an Office Action on the merits pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97; thus, no fee should be required. However, if a fee is required, please charge same to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-2625.

Two of the enclosed documents are being submitted in a non-English language. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of these two documents is provided as follows:

German Patent No. DE 198 34 761 A1

A simplified shutter drive has piezo electric elements (3) which are made to bend progressively by the applied control signal. One end of each piezo element is clamped into a support (2). The free end is connected to one side of a coupling yoke (5), to which a second element is also connected. The coupling yoke is at the outer end of a drive lever (6) which connects to two shutter elements by a

coupling yoke and two pivots. The piezo drive is controlled by a processor.

European Patent Application No. EP 0 950 918 A1

A camera (1) has a lens (2), two area detectors (3a, 3b) and a beam splitter (4) between those for splitting a luminous beam (5) towards the detectors. Each half of the beam appears on each detector. The two area detectors are exposed to different halves of an image or light beam.

The Examiner is invited to review the subject matter of these references, and independently assess the teachings and materiality of each, if any, to the pending claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no admission is made that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed references be listed on any patent issued on the instant application.

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